GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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RELEASING OF RELIEF FUNDS
ANANDRAO ADSUL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested to the UnionGovernment seeking immediate release of relief operations funds, for the natural calamities affected districts;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(c) the funds released to Maharashtra for taking up of relief operations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): The Government of Maharashtra had submitted a memorandum seekingCentral assistance in the wake of drought. An Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the State during July, 2001 for assessment of the situation. Entire Central share ofCalamity Relief Fund(CRF) for 2001-2002 amounting to Rs.123.80 crore has beenreleased to the State for undertaking necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought along with 50,000 MTs. free of cost for Food for Work Programme.